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once again have you all voted? Senator Marsh asking for a roll call vote. Roll call vote on LB 112A.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 25 ayes, 18 nays, 6 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is passed. Attention please the final reading of LB 167.

CLERK: Title Read LB 167.

SPEAKER: I know that the legislature this morning would want to welcome a former member, former Senator Pete Claussen of Leigh, Nebraska, is under the south balcony, Senator Claussen why don't you step out and let's recognize you here, we are glad to have you back. Welcome back to your old haunts here, we're delighted that you've taken time to come down and visit us today.

CLERK: Mr. President I have a motion, I move to suspend the rules and take up consideration of LR #9, at this time, signed Senator Proud.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President and members of the legislature, the motion is on my resolution concerning ERA, to suspend the rules and take it up right now. It is now my opinion that the people of this state, and the members of the legislature are ready to have this resolved one way or the other. It has been discussed, certainly outside of this chamber by all members of the legislature with their constituents and with others, and I know feel there is no reason to delay the matter any longer. I don't feel that this will take a great deal of time, because I will explain the amendment and then of course others can speak if they so desire, but it is my judgement that the debate is not, probably not going to change any votes. So therefore, I hope you will move to suspend the rules, take this up and deal with it one way or the other.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, do you wish to be heard on the issue? The motion is shall the rules be suspended on LR #9 considered at this time, is there any further discussion? The question is shall the rules be suspended on LR #9 taken up at this time. All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. You're voting to suspend the rules to take up LR #9 at this time. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 40 ayes, no nays, 9 not voting, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER: LR #9 becomes the first order of business and the Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Now Mr. President, I don't have the ERA amendment in front of me, because I don't need it in front of me, I've spent weeks on this, my discussion is not going to be long, because I have discussed it with practically all of you at one time or another. The ERA amendment reads as follows: (read). That is the jest of the whole matter, section 2 provides that congress shall have the enforcement power, section 3 provides that the amendment shall not take effect until two years after it has been ratified, that is the whole amendment. The implications are quite another thing, this has been sold to the Congress with the two words Equal Rights, as a matter of fact you can not even say it's been sold to the Congress, because the Congress has left it up to the states. It cannot be ratified without a vote of three fourths of the state which would be thirty eight states. So Congress has done about the